

Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year ending December 31, 1955

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS — 1955

Moderator — Ira E. Elliott

Town Clerk — Wayne I. Wheeler (to December 3, 1955)
Margaret E. Elliott (from January 1, 1956)

Selectmen

John Boutin, Sr.	Term expires 1956
Joseph Boutin, Jr.	Term expires 1957
James J. Page	Term expires 1958

Treasurer
Priscilla Boutin

Tax Collector
Lulu M. Clark

Highway Agent
John Boutin, Jr.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Ethel A. Boutin	Forrest E. Clark
Margaret E. Elliott (to December 31, 1955)	
Lena Collins (from January 1, 1956)	

Constable
Ethel A. Boutin

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber
James J. Page

Fence Viewer
Iona Boutin

Library Trustees

Seraphine Harris	Term expires 1956
Vevah Leonard	Term expires 1957
Lulu M. Clark	Term expires 1958

Librarian

Vevah Leonard

Trustees of Trust Funds

Wayne I. Wheeler (to December 3, 1955)

Ira E. Elliot	Term expires 1956
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James M. Leonard	Term expires 1957
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Forrest E. Clark	Term expires 1958
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Auditor

Ethel A. Boutin

School Board Members

Ethel A. Boutin	Term expires 1956
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Lulu M. Clark	Term expires 1957
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James M. Leonard	Term expires 1958
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Sextons

C. Howard Tyler Mountain View Cemetery

Joseph Boutin, Jr. East Cemetery

James J. Page South Cemeteries

Ballot Clerks

Mary Wheeler (to December 3, 1955)

Lulu M. Clark (from January 1, 1956)

Iona Boutin William Harris Lena Collins

Health Officer

John Boutin, Sr.

Relief Agent

Ethel A. Boutin

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 13th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for for three years, John Boutin, Sr., being the outgoing member; one Tax Collector; one Town Treasurer; one Highway Agent; one Auditor; one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, Ira E. Elliott being the outgoing member; one Library Trustee for three years, Seraphine Harris being the outgoing member; and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$200 for repairs to the basement of the Community Building, said sum to be added to the unexpended appropriation of \$220 in 1955.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$12.68 for the White Mountains Region Association, being 10¢ per \$1000 of the assessed valuation, for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns in the region.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$70.27 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid).

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount of 2 percent on taxes paid before a date authorized by the selectmen.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day the same as in past years.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote by ballot to authorize the playing of beano in said town.

Article 12. The town meeting warrant shall remain open for articles to be inserted by the selectmen until posting date.

Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 6th day of February, A. D., 1956.

JOHN BOUTIN, SR.,
JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.,
JAMES J. PAGE,

Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON FOR 1956

Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1956 Compared with
Actual Revenue for the Year 1955

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual 1955	Estimated 1956
From State of New Hampshire		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 102.19	\$ 100.00
Railroad Tax	10.87	
Savings Bank Tax	3.93	3.00
Class V Highway Maint. Allotment		188.48
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	979.78	1,000.00
For fighting Forest Fires	13.75	
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	449.56	425.00
Bounties	106.00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes		
Dog Licenses	48.00	45.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	73.39	50.00
Income from Trust Funds	116.65	115.00
Income from Rental of Equip.-Truck	1,170.45	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	404.92	400.00
Amount Raised by Issue of Notes		
Accelerated TRA Program	1,650.00	
From Local Taxes Other than Property Taxes		
Poll taxes	130.00	120.00
Yield taxes	155.11	150.00
Total Revenues from all sources except property taxes	\$	3,596.48
Amount to be raised by property taxes		6,353.49
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 9,949.97

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON FOR 1956

Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1956 Compared with
Actual Expenditures for the Year 1955

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual 1955	Estimated 1956
Current Maintenance Expenses		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 462.00	\$ 500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	381.39	400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	56.10	300.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town		
Buildings	210.28	400.00
Police Department	12.00	15.00
Fire Department	127.00	100.00
Bounties	47.00	
Health Department	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.50	5.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	1,387.27	1,000.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	741.05	800.00
Town Truck Expenses	956.64	900.00
Town Road Aid	70.28	70.27
Libraries	24.00	12.00
Old Age Assistance	670.39	600.00
Memorial Day	18.08	25.00
Cemeteries	150.60	175.00
Regional Association	13.75	12.68
Interest on Temporary Loans	60.00	50.00
Interest on Long Term Notes	54.14	70.00
Payment on Principal of Long Term Notes	981.51	760.02
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
County Taxes	230.02	250.00
School Taxes	3,425.00	3,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 9,949.97

SUMMARY INVENTORY — 1955

Land and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)		\$ 87,820.00
Electric Plants		
New England Power Co.	\$ 28,750.00	
N. H. Electric Coop., Inc.	3,816.00	
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Horses	(8)	825.00
Cows	(125)	13,010.00
Other Neat Stock	(14)	1,050.00
Goats	(4)	40.00
Lumber		480.00
Gasoline Pumps	(2)	200.00
Stock in Trade		500.00
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Total Gross Valuation		\$136,491.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions		—3,710.00
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		\$132,781.00

Amount of Property Valuation Exempted to
Veterans \$ 3,710.00

Number of Inventories Distributed	82
Number of Inventories Returned	32
Number of Veterans Who Received Property Tax Exemption	4
Number of Veterans Exempted from Poll Tax	9

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED AND TAX RATE — 1955

Appropriations

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 475.00
Town Officers' Expenses	350.00
Election and Registration Expenses	60.00
Town Buildings Maintenance	450.00
Police Department	10.00
Fire Department	50.00
Bounties	50.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
Town Road Aid	70.28
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	800.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00
General Exp. Hgy. Dept., truck	900.00
Library	12.00
Old Age Assistance	800.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Cemeteries	175.00
Regional Association	13.75
Payments on Debt, truck	800.00
Interest	92.00
County Tax	230.02
School Tax	3,013.38

Total Town and School Appropriations	\$	9,386.43
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Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 102.19
Railroad Tax	10.00
Savings Bank Tax	.50
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	1,799.40
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	333.22
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	450.00
Dog Licenses	50.00
Rent of Town Truck	1,000.00

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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
 ASSESSED AND TAX RATE — 1955
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Interest on Taxes and Income from		
Trust Funds	165.00	
National Forest Reserve, 1954		
(one-half)	414.03	
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Total Revenues and Credits	\$	4,324.34
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	\$	5,062.09
Plus Overlay		242.37
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$	5,304.46
Less 63 Poll Taxes @ \$2.00		- 126.00
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Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	\$	5,178.46
Net Valuation \$132,781.00 x Tax Rate \$3.90 = \$5,178.46		

TOWN OF BENTON — BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1955

Assets

Cash — in hands of treasurer	\$ 2,315.01
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Unredeemed Taxes (from tax sale on acct. of)

Levy of 1954	188.20
Levy of 1953	152.38
Previous Years	45.54

Uncollected Taxes

Levy of 1955	1,149.11
Levy of 1954	6.16
Levy of 1953	19.94
State Head Taxes — Levy of 1955	135.00
State Head Taxes — Previous Years	5.00

Total Assets	\$ 4,016.34
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Liabilities**Unexpended Balance of Special Appropriation**

Repairs to Town Hall	\$ 220.00
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Due to State of New Hampshire

State Head Taxes	270.00
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Long Term Notes Outstanding

Town Truck	710.02
Accelerated TRA Program	1,650.00

Total Liabilities	\$ 2,850.02
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Surplus	1,166.32
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Grand Total	\$ 4,016.34
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Community Building and School, land and building	\$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Town Office Building and Library, land and building	300.00
Furniture and Equipment	25.00
Highway Department	3,500.00
Town Safe	50.00
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	\$ 9,875.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Selectmen of Benton, N. H.:

I herewith submit my report of funds received by me and paid over to the Town Treasurer for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955.

Motor Vehicle Permits

1954 permits	\$ 1.00	
1955 permits	403.92	
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	\$	404.92
Dog Licenses		10.00
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	\$	414.92

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE I. WHEELER,
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant Property, Poll, and Yield Taxes, Levy of 1955

DR.

Taxes committed to Collector:

Property taxes	\$ 5,178.46
Poll taxes	126.00
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Total Warrant	\$ 5,304.46
Yield Taxes	155.11
Added Taxes:	
Poll taxes	4.00
Interest Collected	1.05
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Total Debits	\$ 5,464.62

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property taxes	\$ 4,084.71
Poll taxes	80.00
Added poll taxes	4.00
Yield taxes	88.11
Interest collected	1.05
Discount Allowed	53.64
Poll tax abatements	4.00
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's list:	
Property taxes	1,040.11
Poll taxes	42.00
Yield taxes	67.00
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Total Credits	\$ 5,464.62

**Summary of Warrant
Property, Poll, and Yield Taxes, Levy of 1954**

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1955:

Property taxes	\$	1,794.33
Poll taxes		52.00
Yield taxes		114.89
		\$ 1,961.22

Interest Collected during Fiscal
Year 1955

60.47

Total Debits

\$ 2,021.69

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer Fiscal Year 1955:

Property taxes	\$	1,606.13
Poll taxes		48.00
Interest collected during year		60.47
Yield taxes		108.73

Abatements During Year, Poll taxes

4.00

Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:

Yield taxes		6.16
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Unredeemed Taxes as per Coll. List:

Property taxes		188.20
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Total Credits

\$ 2,021.69

**Summary of Warrant
Property, Poll, and Yield Taxes, Levy of 1953**

DR.

Uncollected and Unredeemed Taxes
as of Jan. 1, 1955

Property taxes	\$	197.40
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Yield taxes	51.38	
	<hr/>	\$ 248.78
Interest Collected during Fiscal Year 1955	8.06	
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Total Debits		\$ 256.84

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer Fiscal Year 1955:		
Property taxes	\$ 43.19	
Interest collected during year	8.06	
Yield taxes	31.44	
Abatements during Year, Prop. taxes	1.83	
Uncollected Taxes as per Coll. List		
Yield taxes	19.94	
Unredeemed Taxes as per Coll. List		
Property taxes	152.38	
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Total Credits		\$ 256.84

**Summary of Warrant
Property, Poll, and Yield Taxes, Levy of 1952**

DR.

Unredeemed Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1955		
Property taxes	\$ 27.06	
Interest Collected during Fiscal Year 1955	3.59	
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Total Debits		\$ 30.65

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer Fiscal Year 1955		
Property taxes	\$ 22.55	
Interest collected during year	3.59	
Abatements during year, Prop. taxes	4.51	
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Total Credits		\$ 30.65

**Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax, Levy of 1955**

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector :

Original warrant	\$ 360.00
Added taxes	15.00

Total commitment	\$ 375.00
Penalties collected	1.00

Total Debits	\$ 376.00
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer :

Head taxes	\$ 230.00
Penalties	1.00
	\$ 231.00

Abatements	10.00
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Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's List	135.00
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Total Credits	\$ 376.00
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**Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax, Levy of 1954**

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January

1, 1955	\$ 145.00
Added Taxes	5.00
Penalties Collected	13.00

Total Debits	\$ 163.00
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during 1955

Head taxes \$ 130.00

Penalties 13.00

\$ 143.00

Abatements during 1955 15.00

Uncollected Head Taxes as per

Collector's List 5.00

Total Credits \$ 163.00LULU M. CLARK,
Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Lulu M. Clark, Tax Collector:

1952 Property tax collected	\$	22.55	
1952 Property tax interest		3.72	
1952 Property tax abatements		4.51	
1952 Costs of advertising and sale		7.60	
		<hr/>	\$ 38.38
1953 Property tax collected	\$	43.19	
1953 Property tax interest		4.74	
1953 Costs of advertising and sale (property)		6.83	
1953 Property tax abatements		1.83	
1953 Yield tax collected		31.44	
1953 Yield tax interest		3.41	
1953 Costs of advertising and sale (yield)		2.10	
		<hr/>	93.54
1954 Property tax collected	\$	1,606.13	
1954 Property tax interest		56.82	
1954 Costs of advertising and sale (property)		2.10	
1954 Head tax collected		130.00	
1954 Head tax penalties		13.00	
1954 Head tax abatements		15.00	
1954 Poll tax collected		48.00	
1954 Poll tax abatements		6.00	
1954 Yield tax collected		108.73	
1954 Yield tax interest		3.65	
1954 Taxes bought by town		205.40	
		<hr/>	2,194.83
1955 Property tax collected	\$	4,084.71	
1955 Property tax interest		1.05	
1955 Poll tax collected		84.00	
1955 Poll tax abatements		4.00	
1955 Head tax collected		230.00	

1955 Head tax penalties	1.00	
1955 Head tax abatements	10.00	
1955 Yield tax collected	88.11	
	<hr/>	4,502.87

Received from Wayne I. Wheeler, Town Clerk:

1954 Motor Vehicle permit fees \$	1.00	
1955 Motor Vehicle permit fees	403.92	
1955 Dog licenses	10.00	
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Received from Ethel A. Boutin, Constable:

1954 Dog licenses	\$ 7.00	
1955 Dog licenses	31.00	
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Received from State of New Hampshire:

Reimbursement a/c State and

Federal Forest Lands	\$ 979.78	
National Forest Reserve — 1955	899.12	
State's Share Forest Fire Expenses	13.75	
Interest and Dividends Tax	102.19	
Bounties on porcupines	86.00	
Bounties on bears	20.00	
Railroad Tax	10.87	
Savings Bank Tax	3.93	
	<hr/>	2,115.64

Received from Town Truck Hire:

State of New Hampshire	\$ 584.85	
Town of Benton	461.50	
Town of Bath	91.80	
Osmon Collins	10.50	
P. R. Gregory	9.80	
John Boutin, Sr.	12.00	
	<hr/>	1,170.45

Received from Trustees of Trust Funds:

For Cemeteries	\$ 62.82	
For Highways	53.83	
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Received from Woodsville National Bank:
 Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes 2,000.00
 Received from Woodsville Guaranty Sav. Bank:
 Long term note for accelerated TRA Program 1,650.00
 Received from C. Howard Tyler:
 Memorial Day Donation 1.00

Total Receipts	\$ 14,336.28
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1955	2,990.10

	\$ 17,326.38
Less Selectmen's Orders	- 15,002.91

	\$ 2,323.47
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Less Bank Charges	- 8.46
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Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1955	\$ 2,315.01
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PRISCILLA BOUTIN,
 Town Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue

From Local Taxes

Property taxes — 1955	\$ 4,084.71
Poll taxes — 1955	88.00
Yield taxes — 1955	88.11
State Head taxes	240.00

Total Current year's taxes collected and
remitted \$ 4,500.82

Property taxes and yield taxes, previous years	2,023.78
Poll taxes, previous years	54.00
State Head taxes, previous years	145.00
Interest received on taxes	92.00
Penalties on State head taxes	14.00

From State

Interest and dividends tax	102.19
Railroad tax	10.87
Savings Bank tax	3.93
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal	
Forest Lands — 1955	979.78
National Forest Reserve — 1955	899.12
Fighting forest fires	13.75
Bounties	106.00

From Local Sources, Except Taxes

Dog Licenses	48.00
Income from trust funds	116.65
Income from department, truck hire	1,170.45
Registration of motor vehicles, 1954 permits	1.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1955 permits	403.92

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expense

Town officers' salaries	\$	462.00	
Town officers' expenses		381.39	
Election and registration expenses		56.10	
Expenses town hall and other			
town buildings		210.28	
Police department		12.00	
Fire deparement		127.00	
Bounties		47.00	
Health department		5.00	
Vital statistics		5.50	
Town Road Aid		70.28	
Town Road Maintenance		2,128.32	
General expenses of highway			
department — truck		956.64	
Libraries		24.00	
Old Age Assistance		670.39	
Memorial Day		18.08	
Cemeteries		150.60	
Regional Association		13.75	
Taxes bought by town		205.40	
Abatements and refunds		49.39	
		<hr/>	\$ 5,593.12

Interest

Paid on temporary loans in			
anticipation of taxes	\$	60.00	
Paid on long term notes		54.14	
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Outlay for New Construction

Accelerated TRA Program		1,600.00
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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS (continued)

Receipts Other than Current Revenue

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	2,000.00
Long term notes, accelerated TRA program	1,650.00
Gifts, Memorial Day donation	1.00
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Total Receipts from all Sources	\$ 14,336.28
Cash on hand January 1, 1955	2,990.10
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Grand Total	\$ 17,326.38

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS (continued)

Indebtedness

Payments on temporary loans in		
anticipation of taxes	\$	2,000.00
Payments on long term notes		981.51
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		2,981.51

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

State Head taxes	\$	203.99	
Taxes paid to County		230.02	
Payments to School District			
1954 Tax		3,050.00	
½ 1954 Nat. Forest Reserve		414.03	
1955 Tax		375.00	
½ 1955 Nat. Forest Reserve		449.56	
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Total Payments all Purposes	\$	15,011.37	
Cash on hand December 31, 1955		2,315.01	
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Grand Total			\$ 17,326.38

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

James M. Leonard, trustee of trust funds	\$ 6.40
Forrest E. Clark, trustee of trust funds	6.40
Wayne I. Wheeler, trustee of trust funds	6.40
John Boutin, Sr., closing 1954 accounts	20.00
Ethel A. Boutin, closing 1954 accounts	20.00
James J. Page, closing 1954 accounts	20.00
Priscilla Boutin, closing 1954 accounts	20.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., assessing	16.00
John Boutin, Sr., assessing	19.40
James J. Page, assessing	19.40
Wayne I. Wheeler, $\frac{3}{4}$ town clerk's salary	37.50
Margaret E. Elliott, $\frac{1}{4}$ town clerk's salary	12.50
Priscilla Boutin, treasurer's salary	50.00
Ethel A. Boutin, relief agent's salary	8.00
Lulu M. Clark, tax collector's salary	50.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., selectman's salary	25.00
John Boutin, Sr., selectman's salary	50.00
James J. Page, selectman's salary	75.00
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	\$ 462.00

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses

James M. Leonard, dinners and mileage for trustees	\$ 6.60
Town & Country Press, supplies	8.50
Town & Country Press, printing town reports	138.60
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies	25.31
R. T. Bartlett Ins. Agency, officers' bonds	36.50
N. H. Assessors' Association, 1954 and 1955 dues	6.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., dinner for selectmen	1.00
Edith J. Yeaton, gas for selectmen	7.76
John Boutin, Jr., stove for town office	12.00
John Boutin, Sr., expenses of selectman	2.45
James J. Page, expenses of selectman	2.60
F. J. Shores, transfer of deeds	2.09

U. S. Auto and Truck Guide, for town clerk	16.00
Sargent Bros., tax bills	7.90
F. J. Shores, tax sale expenses	7.06
Lulu M. Clark, postage for tax collector	3.89
Margaret E. Elliott, gas for relief agent	1.45
Sec. of State (N. H.), justice of peace fee	10.00
Wayne I. Wheeler, fees and expenses of town clerk	45.24
Lulu M. Clark, fees and expenses of tax collector	27.58
Lisbon Sav. Bank & Trust Co., safe deposit box	4.40
Woodsville National Bank, service charges	8.46
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	\$ 381.39

Detail 3. Election and Registration

Town Meeting

Ira E. Elliott, moderator	\$ 6.40
Joseph Boutin, Jr., selectman	6.40
Margaret E. Elliott, supervisor	12.80
Forrest E. Clark, supervisor	12.80
Ethel A. Boutin, supervisor	9.60
Wayne I. Wheeler, town clerk	6.40
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies	1.70
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	\$ 56.10

Detail 4. Town Buildings Maintenance

John Boutin, Jr., wood	\$ 60.00
John Boutin, Sr., wood	80.00
E. B. Mann & Co., paint	63.53
Joseph Boutin, Jr., repairs	2.50
The Stymest Co., supplies	4.25
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	\$ 210.28

Detail 5. Police Department

Ethel A. Boutin, constable	\$ 12.00
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Detail 6. Fire Department

Haverhill Corner Fire Dept., fire at Page's	\$	44.25
North Haverhill Fire Dept., fire at Page's		43.25
North Haverhill Fire Dept., fire at Elliott's		39.50
	\$	127.00

Detail 7. Bounties

94 hedgehogs @ 50¢	\$	47.00
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Detail 8. Health Department

John Boutin, Sr., health officer	\$	5.00
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Detail 9. Vital Statistics

Wayne I. Wheeler, town clerk	\$	5.50
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Detail 10. Town Road Aid

State of New Hampshire, Town's share	\$	70.28
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Detail 11. Town Road Maintenance, Summer**Regular****Labor**

John Boutin, Jr., hgy. agt.	\$	137.20
Joseph Boutin, Jr.		62.30
John Elliott, Sr.		50.40
Albert Boutin		84.80
John Boutin, Sr.		79.20
Gordon Joslyn		8.32
	\$	422.22

Hire of equipment

Town of Haverhill, grader	\$	82.50
Arthur Bigelow, truck and loader		203.75
Town of Benton, truck		141.50
		427.75

Gravel

Victor Brooks	\$	8.10
Ernest G. Coates		6.90
Tilden Day		5.00

William Clough	16.20	
	<hr/>	36.20
Supplies		
Scruggs Hardware	\$ 9.00	
Clark's Hardware	5.80	
	<hr/>	14.80
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	\$	900.97
Flood Damage — East Benton		
Labor		
Lester Noxon	\$ 36.00	
Albert Boutin	34.00	
John Boutin, Sr.	50.40	
Joseph Boutin, Jr.	58.00	
John Boutin, Jr.	10.00	
	<hr/>	188.40
Hire of Equipment		
Town of Benton, truck	\$ 75.00	
Arthur Bigelow, truck and loader	125.50	
Raymond Smith, truck	26.40	
Town of Bath, grader	50.00	
	<hr/>	276.90
Gravel		
William Clough		21.00
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	\$	486.30
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	\$	1,387.27

Detail 12. Town Road Maintenance, Winter

Labor		
John Boutin, Jr., hgy agt.	\$ 228.00	
John Elliott, Sr.	29.40	
Joseph Boutin, Jr.	67.20	
Albert Boutin	18.40	
Joseph N. Boutin	3.60	

Donald Wheeler	22.50	
John Elliott, Jr.	5.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 374.50
Hire of Equipment		
Town of Benton, truck		282.50
Supplies		
E. W. Bailey & Co., Inc.	\$ 35.00	
Parke J. Patten	5.75	
Holbrook Grocery Co.	28.00	
	<hr/>	68.75
Repairs		
Ideal Welding Shop		15.30
	<hr/>	\$ 741.05
Detail 13. Old Age Assistance	\$	670.39
Detail 14. Memorial Day	\$	18.08
Detail 15. Cemeteries		
Mt. View		
C. Howard Tyler, labor	\$ 45.90	
Ira E. Elliott, labor	33.30	
Jack Douglas, repairs	4.00	
E. W. Bailey & Co., Inc., supplies	7.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 90.80
East		
Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor	\$ 49.80	
John Boutin, Jr., labor	10.00	
	<hr/>	59.80
	<hr/>	\$ 150.60
Detail 16. White Mountain Region Assoc.	\$	13.75
Detail 17. Abatements and Overpayments		
1954 head tax abatements (3)	\$	15.00
1955 head tax abatements (2)		10.00

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1954 poll tax abatements (3)	6.00
1955 poll tax abatements (2)	4.00
1952 property tax abatement	8.54
1953 property tax abatement	5.72
Overpayment to treasurer	.13

\$ 49.39

Detail 18. Taxes Bought by Town \$ 205.40

Detail 19. Interest

Paid on long-term note, town truck	\$ 54.14
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	60.00

\$ 114.14

Detail 20. Long Term Note

TRA Accelerated Program \$ 1,600.00

Detail 21. Indebtedness

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$ 2,000.00
Paid on long term note, town truck	981.51

\$ 2,981.51

Detail 22. School Tax

1/2 Nat. Forest Reserve, 1954 and 1955	\$ 863.59
Appropriation	3,425.00

\$ 4,288.59

Detail 23. County Tax \$ 230.02

Detail 24. State Head Taxes \$ 203.99

TRUST FUNDS

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds for Year Ending December 31, 1955

There are in custody of the Trustees the following trust funds bequeathed to the town of Benton. The income shown is that received during the year 1955 and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

Name of Fund	Amount of Fund	Distribution of Income		
		Cemetery	School	Highway
Ira Whitcher	\$ 513.19	\$ 12.80	\$	\$
Whicher & Mann	500.00	8.50	2.00	2.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,000.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		46.84	
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00			46.83
L. H. Parker	200.00	5.00		
J. C. Speed	126.08	3.12		
Sam'l Whitcher & Wm. Kendall	179.00	4.46		
Wm. T. Torsey	43.09	1.08		
Samuel Annis	43.08	1.08		
Jonithan Davis	43.09	1.08		
George H. Clark	179.58	4.47		
Ella Mann	50.00	1.24		
Kendrick L. Howe	50.00	1.24		
D. M. & K. L. Howe	100.00	2.51		
Isabella M. Tyler	50.00	1.24		
Totals	\$6,577.11	\$ 62.82	\$ 53.84	\$ 53.83

All of the above funds are either deposited in savings accounts in the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Company or invested in Government Bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Bank.

J. M. Leonard,
Forrest E. Clark,
Ira E. Elliott,

Trustees

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Clerk, Highway Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds and Library Trustees and have found correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL BOUTIN,
Town Auditor

January 30, 1956

LIBRARY REPORT

For another year, the library has remained inactive; no books were purchased, and no books were loaned. However, several townspeople have borrowed books furnished by the Bookmobile Service which makes regular calls to supply the librarian with fresh reading material for town use.

Library funds as of Jan. 1, 1956, totalled \$88.69.

Vevah Leonard, Librarian,
Lulu Clark, Trustee,
Seraphine Harris, Trustee

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

June 13, 1955.

TO: The Selectmen, Benton, N. H.

Following is a report of expenditures made by the
1955 Memorial Day Dinner Committee.

12 lbs. beans	\$	4.14
8 lbs. peas		1.84
5 lbs. sugar		.65
3 bottles catsup		.69
1 box salt		.12
2 cans milk		.34
1 can pepper		.25
4 loaves bread		.88
2 pkg. paper napkins		.38
2 qts. dill pickles		.54
2 qts. sw. mixed pickles		.66
Salt pork		.26
5 gallons ice cream		10.50
2 geraniums for plaque		1.50
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Total	\$	22.75
Donation — C. H. Tyler		1.00
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Net expenditures	\$	21.75
Unexpended balance		3.25
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Appropriation	\$	25.00

J. M. Leonard,
For the Committee

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
For Year Ending January 1, 1956

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term Expires 1956
Mrs. Lulu Clark	Term Expires 1957
Mr. James Leonard	Term Expires 1958

Other District Officers

Mr. James Paige	Moderator
Mrs. Lena Collins	Treasurer
Mrs. Mildred Elliott	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Mr. Forrest Clark	Truant Officer
Mr. Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools

Teacher

Mrs. Romina Boemig	Benton Street School Grades 1-8
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SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the thirteenth day of March, 1956, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the

school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN,
LULU CLARK,
JAMES LEONARD,
School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT

	Paid Out 1954-55	Budget 1955-56	Paid Out to Jan. 1, '56	Proposed Budget 1956-57
Administration				
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 64.50	\$ 54.50	\$ 14.00	\$ 54.50
2. Superintendent's Salary	*61.81	65.00	83.20	50.00
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	48.00	50.00		50.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	46.29	55.00	51.64	40.00
5. Supplies and Expenses	31.44	60.00	3.98	50.00
Instruction				
6. Teachers Salary	2,286.05	2,600.00	967.45	2,900.00
7. Books and Other Instr'nal Aids	82.11	100.00	49.20	100.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	170.93	100.00	68.64	100.00
10. Supplies and Other Expenses	46.45	10.00		10.00
Operation of School Plant				
11. Salaries of Custodians	417.50	450.00	170.00	450.00
12. Fuel or Heat	35.00	80.00	91.25	80.00
13. Water, Light, Supplies and Exp.	61.88	75.00	85.95	75.00
Maintenance of School Plant				
14. Repairs and Replacements	285.66	150.00		100.00
Auxiliary Activities				
15. Health Supervision	95.82	75.00	2.39	75.00
16. Transportation	389.00	400.00	222.68	400.00
17. Tuition	1,695.00	2,550.00	1,020.00	3,000.00
18. Special Activities and Funds		10.00		10.00
Fixed Charges				
19. Retirement	165.93	180.00	63.87	200.00
20. Insurance, Treas. Bond and Exp.	63.10	65.00	54.10	65.00
Capital Outlay				
24. Contingency Fund		105.00		100.00
23. New Equipment			85.00	
Total Payments	\$6,046.47	\$7,234.50	\$3,033.35	\$7,909.50

* Superintendent's salary is \$6,650. The State pays \$2,750. The Union pays \$3,900., divided as follows: Benton \$61.81, Easton \$62.60, Franconia \$643.11, Landaff \$123.63, Lincoln \$1,305.72, Lisbon Special \$1,147.58, Lisbon Town \$257.98, Lyman \$125.58, and Sugar Hill \$171.99. Division as determined by law. Report for 1954-1955 by Act of Legislature in form suggested by State Department of Education.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1956-1957

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956.

Total amount required to meet school board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Budget Report.

\$ 7,909.50

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1956	\$ 300.00
Federal Aid: Forest Reserve	400.00
State Aid	2,800.00
Income from Trust Funds	50.00
Tuition	500.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,909.50 for the school year 1956-1957.

ETHEL BOUTIN,
LULU CLARK,
JAMES LEONARD,
School Board

Recommended Motion:

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$7,909.50 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of State Aid, and upon the determination of the amount of State Aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954	\$ 94.80
Federal Aid — Forest Reserve	414.03
State Aid	737.85
Appropriation	4,308.36
Balance due on previous appro.	541.64
Income from Trust Funds	56.38
	<hr/> \$ 6,153.06 <hr/>

Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$ 6,046.47
Cash on Hand June 30, 1955	106.59
	<hr/> \$ 6,153.06 <hr/>

July 1, 1955 to January 1, 1956

Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1955	\$ 106.59
Appropriation from Selectmen	375.00
State Aid	2,817.14
Forest Reserve	449.56
Tuition	231.44
Income from Trust Funds	53.84
	<hr/> \$ 4,033.57 <hr/>

Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$ 3,033.35
Cash on Hand January 1, 1956	1,000.22
	<hr/> \$ 4,033.57 <hr/>

BALANCE SHEET**June 30, 1955****Assets**

Cash on Hand June 30, 1955	\$	106.59	
Accounts due to District			
From Town		847.39	
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	\$		953.98

Liabilities

Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	\$	953.98
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STATISTICAL TABLE**For 1954-1955**

School	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Total Average Absence	Percent of Attendance	Average Tardiness
Benton Street	10	9.7	.3	96.9	.83

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954	\$	94.80
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$	4,308.36
Balance Previous Appropriation		541.64
Received from State Treasurer		
State Aid		737.85
Forest Reserve		414.03
Income from Trust Funds		56.38
	<hr/>	6,058.26
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$	6,153.06
Less School Board Orders Paid		6,046.47
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1955	\$	106.59

LENA COLLINS,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

MILDRED ELLIOTT,
Auditor

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton :

I herewith submit my thirteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the Benton school in 1954-1955 was 10, the average membership 9.7 and the percent of attendance 96.9. There were 10 pupils enrolled in other districts; one pupil attended the elementary school at Haverhill, three high school pupils attended Woodsville and six pupils attended the elementary school at Warren.

At the Benton Street school this year the total enrollment is 14. There is one pupil attending high school at Haverhill, six elementary pupils attending Warren and five attending high school at Woodsville.

Mrs. Romina Boemig of Woodsville is a new teacher at Benton School this year. She replaced Mrs. Christie Jamieson who now teaches in the Lisbon Public School.

There are four tuition pupils at Benton this year. These children come from the Wildwood district in Easton and are transported by Mr. Joseph Boutin.

Mrs. Bigelow replaced Mrs. LaMott as school nurse. Mrs. Bigelow resigned because of new duties at the County Farm. At present we are without a nurse.

With its new coat of paint, the Benton Street School and Community building presents a very attractive appearance as one drives by. The interior is neat and clean. The building is one which the community may well be proud.

I wish to thank the School Board and the many interested towns people who help the children with their educational activities.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM,

Superintendent of Schools

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENDITURES 1954-1955

Administration

1. Salaries of District Officers		
a. Ethel Boutin, school board		
and clerk	\$	23.50
b. James Leonard, school board		10.00
c. Lulu Clark, school board		10.00
d. Mary Wheeler, auditor		6.00
e. Lena Collins, treasurer		15.00
	<hr/>	\$ 64.50
2. Superintendent's Salary		
a. Treas., Sup. Union No. 34		61.81
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision		
a. Treas., State of New Hampshire		48.00
4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel		
a. Ethel Boutin, census	\$	8.00
b. Forrest Clark, truant officer		5.00
c. Treas., Sup. Union No. 34		33.29
	<hr/>	46.29
5. Supplies and Expenses		
a. Ethel Boutin, telephone	\$	4.00
b. Treas., Sup. Union No. 34		8.88
c. Paul E. Farnum, school		
board dues		10.00
d. Lena Collins, postage		2.00
e. Bank Service Charges		6.56
	<hr/>	31.44

Instruction

6. Teachers' Salaries		
a. Faye Dexter	\$	464.52
b. Christie Jamieson		1,400.18
c. Collector of Internal Revenue		219.60
d. N. H. Teachers Retirement		201.75
	<hr/>	2,286.05

7. Books and Other Instructional Aids

a. J. B. Lippincott Co.	\$	8.83
b. American Book Co.		15.60
c. Scott, Foresman & Co.		29.18
d. Ginn & Co.		5.91
e. Houghton Mifflin Co.		1.98
f. Macmillan Co.		5.78
g. Row Peterson & Co.		5.70
h. Silver Burdett Co.		3.69
i. World Book Co.		5.44

82.11

8. Scholars' Supplies

a. Town & Country Press	\$	2.00
b. J. L. Hammett Co.		138.30
c. The Peck Co.		10.46
d. Lisbon Special School Dist.		20.17

170.93

10. Supplies and Other Expenses

a. Edson C. Eastman, treas.		
book	\$	10.45
b. Seraphine Harris, cleaning		18.00
c. Iona Boutin, cleaning		18.00

46.45
Operation of School Plant

11. Janitor's Salary

a. Lulu Clark		417.50
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12. Fuel or Heat

a. Joseph Boutin, Jr.	\$	15.00
b. John Elliott, Sr.		20.00

35.00

13. Water, Lights, Supplies and Expenses

a. Scruggs Hardware	\$	20.42
b. Margaret Elliott		3.34
c. Aldrich General Store		3.20
d. Ethel Boutin		1.50
e. N. H. Electric Coop.		33.42

61.88

Maintenance of School Plant**14. Repairs and Replacements**

a. Scruggs Hardware	\$	28.15	
b. Mildred Elliott		30.40	
c. Caldbeck-Cosgrove		2.40	
d. John Elliott, Sr.		198.20	
e. Clarks' Hardware		26.51	
		<hr/>	285.66

Auxiliary Activities**15. Health Supervision**

a. Muriel LaMott, salary and mileage	\$	93.32	
b. E. B. Mann, supplies		2.50	
		<hr/>	95.82

16. Transportation

a. Fred White	\$	59.00	
b. Marcia Anderson, Treas.		330.00	
		<hr/>	389.00

17. Tuition

a. Daniel Carr, Treas.	\$	135.00	
b. Marcia Anderson, Treas.		810.00	
c. Clarence Knox, Treas.		750.00	
		<hr/>	1,695.00

Fixed Charges**19. Retirement**

a. N. H. Teach. Retirement	\$	159.59	
b. Treas., Sup. Union No. 34		6.34	
		<hr/>	165.93

20. Insurance

a. R. T. Bartlett, insurance	\$	53.10	
b. Bartlett Ins. Agency, treas. bond		10.00	
		<hr/>	63.10

Total**\$ 6,046.47**

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1955

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Names of Parents	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
October 15 Benton	Donald Squares Wheeler Isabelle Annie Woods	Benton Bath, N. H.	22 42	Farmer Housework	Wayne Ira Wheeler May Ellen Clough Andrew J. Woods	Ethel A. Boutin Benton Justice of Peace
October 29 Benton	Albert Joseph Boutin Mabel Ella Guyette	Benton Raymond, N. H.	31 19	Lumberman Shoemaker	John Boutin, Sr. Ethel A. Clough Willis Guyette Lesley Fogg	Ethel A. Boutin Benton Justice of Peace

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1955

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
7-19 Judith Ann Boutin	F	L	5	John Boutin, Jr.	Iona Mason	Benton	Lisbon, N. H.	Bath, N. H.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1955

Date and Cause of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age Y. M. D.	Place of Birth	Sex	Single, Married or Widowed	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Occupation
2-2 Pul. T'culosis	Lewis W. Prentiss	39	Concord, N. H.	M	S	Lewis Prentiss	Elizabeth Henberry	Unemployed
3-5 Pul. T'culosis	Henry William King	73	New Hampshire	M	M	Isaac King	Polly Ciddis	Caretaker
3-15 Heart disease	Melvin A. Chase	69	Mason, N. H.	M	W	Arthur Chase	Liba Barrett	Retired
5-30 Pul. Hemorrhage	Sylvester L. Sargent	70	Danbury, N. H.	M	M	John Sargent	Melissa Terril	Lumberman
6-14 Chr. Lymph. Leu.	George W. Parker	73	Waltham, Mass.	M	M	George E. Parker	Clara Sperrat	Farmer
8-3 Chr. Pul. T'culosis	Henry Provost	70	Weare, Mass.	M	M	Julius Provost	Eugenie Labonte	Retired
9-17 Ac. Cor. Thromb.	Frank E. Hallas	73	Providence, R. I.	M	W	John Hallas	Mary Brook	Retired
10-9 Pul. T'culosis	Charles Addison Beers	73	Canada	M	M	Martin Beers	Mary Jane Peters	Barber
11-12 Pul. T'culosis	Cordelia Starkweather	50	Canada	F	M	Joseph Brew	Cordelia Sugere	Housewife
12-31 Heart Disease	Joseph J. Wheeler	71	Gorham, N. H.	M	M	Patrick J. Wheeler	Catherine Hickey	Lumberman

